(b) whether Government has planned to take any measures?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) and (b)The Dhangar community has not been listed as a Scheduled Tribe in Maharashtra in the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Orders (Amendment) Act, 1976 (Act No. 108 of 1976), only Dhangar is listed as a synonym of Oraon at serial number 36.

Proposal for changes in MAD A mini block

11843. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact that the Rajasthan Government has sent a proposal to the Central Government for effecting changes in MADA Mini Block and sanctioning new MADA Clusters under the sub project for tribals;

if so, the hurdles in reaching any decision thereon; and

by when the decision would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The State Government of Rajasthan has requested for expansion of Tribal Sub Plan Area which includes Scheduled Area, Modified Area Development Approach (MADA) block and MADA Clusters. The proposal of the State Government has been examined and clarifications sought.

(c) No time-frame can be indicated at this stage as to when a decision would be taken on the proposal of the State Government.

Economic growth of tribal communities

1844. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

the details of various items concerning economic growth of tribal communities, as mentioned in the National Common Minimum Programme of the present Government; and

the actions being taken and programmes implemented by the Ministry as assured in the programme?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs is concerned with the following items relating to Scheduled Tribes in the National Common Minimum Programme (NCMP):

Extracts from the NCMP

Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes

The UPA will urge the States to make legislation for conferring ownership rights in respect of minor forest produce, including tendu patta, on all those people from the weaker sections who work in the forests.

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